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| | Group Art Unit: | 2178 |
| | Examiner Name | Stork, Kyle R. |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment (s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☒ Other Reply to Office Action Dated 03/25/05; Extension of Time; Examiner Interview Summary
2. **Miscellaneous**
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- b. ☐ Other _____
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Additional Claims Fee Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
- iii. ☒ Other Fee for 1-mo extension of time
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Authorized to deduct \$960.00 From Deposit Account 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

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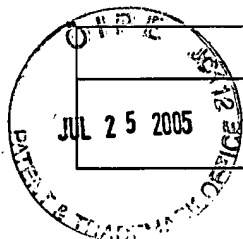
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This paper is to summarize the interview conducted with Examiner Kyle R. Stork on July 18, 2005 with Applicants' representatives including Messrs. Sprinkle, Akmal and Loomis.

Summary

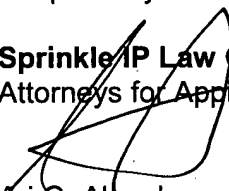
On July 18, 2005, Messrs. Steve Sprinkle, Ari Akmal and Paul Loomis, held a telephone interview with Examiner Kyle R. Stork. During the interview, the prior art cited in the Office Action dated 03/25/05, namely United States Patent No. 6,732,331 ("Alexander",) was considered. No additional prior art was discussed.

Applicants' representatives and Examiner Stork discussed claim 1 of the 09/681,762 patent application. Specifically, the Applicants' representatives and the Examiner discussed the Alexander reference as compared to the claimed invention and that the Alexander reference does not disclose displaying rendered elements in conjunction with target documents. Examiner Stork agreed that he would review the Applicants' next response in light of the interview.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

Respectfully submitted,

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